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Title: **DATA STRUCTURE FOR CONTROL INFORMATION ON REWRITABLE DATA  
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REMARKS

No amendments have been made. Claim 1 remains in the application.

Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

In paper 3, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,568,467 (Inagaki et al), U.S. Patent Number 5,617,407 (Bareis), U.S. Patent Number 5,805,564 (Kobayashi et al), U.S. Patent Number 5,237,553 (Fukushima et al), U.S. Patent Number 5,170,385 (Senshu et al), U.S. Patent Number 6,385,744 (Ando et al), and U.S. Patent Number 6,201,784 (Maeda et al). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 1 specifies: ". . . the header further comprising a set of bits, each bit corresponding to a form of control for access to the entire data storage medium."

None of the cited patents teach or suggest a header having a set of bits where each bit corresponds to a form of control for access to the entire data storage medium.